

Sec. 6.6 Function Operations

Add.  $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

Sub.  $(f-g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$   
*distribute!*

Mult.  $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$

Div.  $(\frac{f}{g})(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}, g(x) \neq 0$

Domain:

sum, difference, product:

$x$ -values in the domain of BOTH  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$

quotient

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DOES NOT INCLUDE

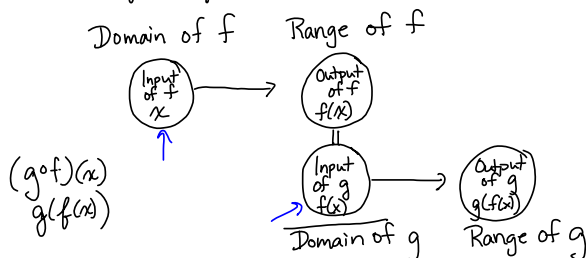
$x$ -values which make  $g(x) = 0$ .

Composite Functions  $g(f(x)) = (3x)^2 - 2 = 9x^2 - 2$

$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$   
 "g of f of x"  
 1. Evaluate  $f(x)$ .  
 2. Use  $f(x)$ , (the result) as the input for  $g$ .

Note  $g(f(x))$  does not always equal  $f(g(x))$

The output of the inside/first function becomes the input for the outside/second function.



Domain of a composite function

$x$ -values in the domain of BOTH  $f(x)$  and  $g(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  values  
 $x$ -values in the domain of  $f$  for which  $f(x)$  is in the domain of  $g$ .

$f(x) = x + 1 \rightarrow x + 1 \neq 0$   
 D: ARN

$g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  D:  $x \neq 0$   
 $f(x) \neq 0$

$x + 1 \neq 0$   
 $x \neq -1$

$g(f(x)) = g(x+1) = \frac{1}{x+1}, x \neq -1$

Restrictions on domain:

① No "0" in denominator

- Set den = 0 and solve.
- These values are not in domain.

② No negatives under even indexed radicals

$$\sqrt{\text{even}} \quad \text{⊖}$$

- Set radicand  $\geq 0$  and solve.

Ex:  $\sqrt{x+7}$  Domain:

$$\begin{aligned} &\xrightarrow{x+7 \geq 0} \\ &x \geq -7 \end{aligned}$$

\* Note:

Domain of functions:

- Absolute value  $y = a|x-h| + k$  ARN
- Linear  $y = mx + b$  ARN
- Quadratic  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  ARN
- Polynomials  $y = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$  ARN
- Cube roots  $y = \sqrt[3]{x-h} + k$  ARN